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STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-47 are pending in the application.

REMARKS

Restriction is required to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-15, drawn to a substrate treatment apparatus utilizing boards, classified in class 118, subclass 100;
- II. Claims 16-31, drawn to a substrate treatment method utilizing boards, classified in class 216, subclass 88;
- III. Claim 32-38, drawn to a substrate treatment apparatus utilizing a liquid layer forming means opposing the direction of the air from said air knife, classified in class 156, subclass 345.21;
- IV. Claims 39-47, drawn to a substrate treatment method utilizing a liquid layer forming means opposing the direction of the air from said air knife, classified in class 427, subclass 424.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicant hereby elects the Group II Claims, i.e. claims 16-31, without traverse, for initial prosecution on the merits.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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